



# Arizona Department of Public Safety

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## Arizona Department of Public Safety plans to implement statewide photo enforcement program *Agency chooses Redflex to fulfill contract*

Beginning September 26, 2008, the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) will implement the statewide photo enforcement program expansion to include a total of 100 systems comprised of 60 stationary speed cameras and 40 mobile speed units.

The goal of the program would be to have 100 speed enforcement cameras operational by January and 50 by the end of September when the legislation expanding the statewide program takes effect. Drivers would be cited for going **10 miles over the speed limit**. It's important to remember that state highways are high speed environments. Drivers going 10 miles over the posted speed limit are endangering themselves and others on the road.

Photo enforcement has and always will be about traffic safety. The object is to slow people down. In many cases warnings will be issued.

### **Phoenix-Metro**

- Initial primary deployment of stationary systems will be in the Phoenix Metro area. Those camera locations will be based upon serious injury and fatal collision data in partnership with ADOT. Future deployment will include major junction areas in the Tucson and Flagstaff Metro areas
- The stationary systems will be deployed in approaches to major junction areas to include the Stack (I-10 and I-17 Junction) and Mini-stack (I-10, SR202 and SR51 Junction) where collision rates are exceptionally high.
- Deployment on I-10 west of the Phoenix Metro area in the eastbound lanes will be a priority. The cameras will help slow commercial and non-commercial vehicle traffic from California which causes a very high rate of collisions during early morning hours due to congestion.

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## Statewide

- Each Highway Patrol District will be assigned two to three mobile units
- DPS will partner with ADOT for deployment of all cameras based on serious injury and collision statistics.

## Funding

Per recently passed Legislation approximately \$20 million will be allocated to the Vender for implementation of the program.

Approximately \$4 million will be allocated to the State Supreme Court Administrative Office of the Courts and \$2.173 million will be allocated to DPS to administer the program.

“This is the first program of its kind in the nation. Photo enforcement is about traffic safety. It slows people down and will reduce injury and fatal collisions on Arizona highways. We at DPS are career law enforcement professionals. The less our officers have to notify family members that their loved one has died in a highway collision the better for all of us. I wish to thank Governor Napolitano for her leadership in supporting this effort and the Arizona Legislature for expanding this life saving program,” said Roger Vanderpool, director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

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